(c) what is the number of such units under Centre's management which have been de-notified; and

(d) what is the number of workers affected as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per the provisional data furnished by Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick units, as defined in Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, in the organised sector, in West Bengal is 146 as at the end of June, 1987.

(b) A number of causes, both internal and external often operating in combination, have been responsible for industrial sickness. Some of the causes are faulty planning, management deficiencies, inefficient financial control, diversion of resources, inadequate attention to R & D, obsolescence of technology and machinery, poor industrial relations, exces labour force, inadequacy of demand, shortage of raw materials and other inputs and infrastructural constraints.

(c) The Central Government have so far de-notified seven units, including M/s. Bengal Potteries Ltd., under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act. The case of Bengal Potteries Ltd. is sub-judice.

(d) The number of workers affected in the seven de-notified units is about 9,700.

STD Facility in Andhra Pradesh

*346. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are names of the places in Andhra Pradesh where STD facility is likely to be introduced in the near future; and

(b) what are the details of the places in Andhra Pradesh with STD facilities which are linked with microwave system?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) and (b) The names of Stations in Andhra Pradesh where STD facility is likely to be provided in near future are given below:—

Amalapuram, Amdalavalsa, Akiveedu, Godavarikheni, Gutty, Hindupur, Kovvur (RMY), Mancherial, Pithapuram, Poonur, Puttur, Srikalahasti, Tadpatri, Vuyyuru.

The names of stations having STD facility which are linked with microwave schemes are given below:—

Guntur, Palekole, Bhimavaram, Rajamundry, Secunderabad, Tadepalligudam, Srikakulam, Tirupati, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Wrangal, Nellore, Guntakhal, Tenali, Nizamabad, Bobbili, Ghirala.

Delicensing of MRTP Units

*349. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 69 MRTP units were out of the licensing net when the policy was announced by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what were the criteria adopted for delicensing those 69 units;

(c) whether Government propose to include more electronic industries for delicensing; and

(d) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The position is explained in the Press Note No. 16 (1988 series) dated 30-6-88, a copy of which is enclosed.

(c) and (d) The entire electronic component industry is already delicensed. In addition, certain other electronic items such as word processors, electronic cash registers, invoicing machines and dictaphones are also delicensed. Further more, the exemption limit for delicensing for all industries has recently been raised upto Rs. 50 crores for projects located in Centrally declared backward areas and upto Rs. 15 crores for projects located in other areas.